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## SENATOR ALLARD SECURES JEFFERSON COUNTY STORMWATER SYSTEM FUNDING IN FINAL INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) announced that he has secured \$500,000 in State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) funding for improvements to Jefferson County's stormwater collection system in the 2006 Interior Appropriations bill, which was approved by the Senate on Friday. The House of Representatives approved the legislation Thursday night; the bill will now go to the White House for the President's signature.

"Jefferson County faces a combination of challenges, including new federal regulations and explosive growth. Because of these factors Jefferson County needs to make county-wide upgrades to its stormwater collection system," said Senator Allard. "I was pleased to include this funding to help reduce the financial burden on the county as they upgrade their stormwater infrastructure."

"As a member of the conference committee that worked to iron out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the Interior Appropriations bill, I was in a position to ensure that this funding for Jefferson County stayed in the final version of the legislation," added Senator Allard.

New regulations, system conditions and growth throughout Jefferson County have created the need for a comprehensive plan to make improvements to the county's stormwater collection system. The improvements will also be funded in part by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.